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To Interested Parties

CLARIFICATION TO CATEGORY 3 OF THE RECENTLY CIRCULATED REVISED LAHONTAN TIMBER WAIVER

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board), recently circulated a tentative *Revised Conditional Wavier of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Resulting from Timber Harvest and Vegetation Management Activities in the Lahontan Region* (Timber Waiver). This letter transmits a clarification to the language specifying eligibility criteria for Category 3 (Post-fire emergency rehabilitation).

On page 13 of Board Order No. R6T-2009-TENTATIVE (Timber Waiver), under **Category 3: Post-fire emergency rehabilitation**, insert the following **bold, underlined** text:

Eligibility Criteria:

Timber Harvest and vegetation management activities implemented to minimize threats to life or property, and/or to stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources resulting from the effects of a wildfire, and suppression of a wildfire. Activities initiated more than 120 days following control of a wildfire are not eligible for Category 3. Non-emergency activities are not eligible for Category 3. **Activities conducted under a CAL FIRE Emergency Exemption do not automatically qualify for Category 3.**

I apologize for the inconvenience. An updated version of the tentative Timber Waiver with the above clarification is now posted on our website. Please contact me if you have questions regarding this letter.

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